#### Tim & Nicole Wilcox - YWAM. Madison

This fall, we've been working with our interns in a YWAM internship course called Urban Practicum. Through this course, we equip and coach our interns as they develop a relational ministry in an urban setting. They receive teaching on biblical worldview, the pioneering process, and research, as well as personal competencies like self-awareness, discipline, and practices for self-care. At the beginning of November, one teacher led us on a journey to understanding biblical hospitality. She helped us understand what a culture of hospitality looks like in other places of the world and gave us historical context to what hospitality resembled in Ancient Hebrew culture. When we shared experiences of radical hospitality, one intern shared about how when she was in a refugee camp, one family welcomed them into their tent and began to burn their own clothes so they could have a fire to heat water for tea to offer them. What a powerful statement of hospitality that those who were themselves strangers taking refuge in a foreign land, sacrificed so much so their guests could have hot tea! This culture of hospitality is still strong in many countries. This teaching moved our group to reflect on our own lives, homes, and ministry. May we be people who show the love of God and bring His Kingdom on earth through radical hospitality.

Every Monday, Chloe and I sit down with some snacks and tea around a few tables pushed together with women from around the world. A few friends from Japan, East Asia, Thailand, & Taiwan. They are all here with their children, mostly around Chloe's age, while their husbands work with the university, to practice English. We share life, tea, and food together. I've also begun meeting with one of the Japanese ladies to have more conversation. We've talked about Christianity and God, the Bible, politics, and family experiences. At our Thanksgiving tea party one of the other ladies, who has lived in Madison for two years, said "I am thankful for you all, I finally don't feel alone here anymore." I am looking forward to leading and hosting these times together come January.

Chloe celebrated her 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday in October. We are thankful to report that she has been healthy for the longest time since she was an infant! We've been taking more preventative measures and doing some therapies to help keep her reactive airway episodes maintained. Part of this process has led us to discover a few bowel blockages that we are now getting tests and procedures done to take care of. Since we are mid-process with this, we will not be attending the LDC in New Zealand in February. We are hoping to have this treated and have a maintenance plan in place in time to head to the LDC at the end of March. Please continue to keep our family in prayer for this.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Tim, Nicole & Chloe



We would like to offer our sympathy to Dale & Lynn Klitzke and their family. Dale's mom, Delores Klitzke, passed away Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

May God comfort you and bless you with His peace.

<u>Sunday School, Pipeline, Men's Sunday Study, Ignite, Fusion, & Life Groups</u>: will NOT be meeting over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Events will resume regularly scheduled times beginning January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Men's Get Together ~ this Saturday, January 5th from 2 pm – 5 pm, bring a friend. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We'll have card/man games to play! (NO Men's Breakfast that morning). Contact Kyle Ohlrich with any questions at 719-439-1003.

<u>Women's Recovery Workshop</u> ~ Find Freedom, Hope, & New Beginnings in this Christian Codependence Recovery Workshop designed to help you find who God created you to be. See the January newsletter for more information. Begins January 29<sup>th</sup>, meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 7 pm - 9 pm. Location TBA. Contact Tracy Signer if interested at 214-4976 or tracysnhy7@gmail.com



Would you like more time to meet and visit with your fellow worshippers? Following each of the Worship Services <u>TODAY</u>, <u>December 30<sup>th</sup></u> there will be a "<u>Cookie Fellowship</u>" in the Nehemiah Center. Please bring cookies to share. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch after the 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, and more cookies to share, to extend our time of fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!

<u>Lost & Found</u> will be on display in the Nehemiah Center on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to stop and take a look at the items. Whatever is not claimed will be donated. Thank you!



#### Sunday, January 6

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC Men's Study ~ 12:15 pm, LL #102 Ignite Leader's Meeting ~ 12:30 pm, NC Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ returning from Districts Next Steps—Step 2 (s.1) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

Life Groups Resume

#### Monday, January 7

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

### Wednesday, January 9

Awana: Trek & Journey  $\sim 5:30$  pm, & Clubbers  $3\frac{1}{2}$  yrs.  $-6^{th}$  grade  $\sim 6:15$  pm

#### Thursday, January 10

Good News Club ~ 4 pm, Parkside Elem. Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Young Adults Study ~ 8 pm, LL #106

### Sunday, January 13

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am Sunday School ~ 9 am Pipeline ~ 9 am, NC Men's Study ~ 12:15 pm, LL #102 Fusion Leader's Meeting ~ 12:30 pm, NC Ignite ~ 4-6 pm, LL #106 Fusion ~ 6-8 pm, LL #106 Next Steps—Step 2 (s.2) ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102

## Monday, January 14

Prayer Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Board Meeting ~ 6:30 pm, LL #106

## Friday, January 18

Primetimers Birthday Lunch ~ 11:15 am, Pizza Hut

## Friday-Saturday, January 18-19

Awana T&T Boy's Event ~ 5:30 pm Friday-9 am Saturday

#### Week of Dec. 30 – Jan. 5

## Today, Sunday, December 30

Lord's Table The Gatherin

The Gathering 9 am & Café 10:30 am No Sunday School, Pipeline, Men's Study, Life Groups, Ignite, or Fusion Guatemala Missions Trip applications due

Cookie Fellowship ~ after each Worship Service, NC (bring some cookies to share!)

# Monday, December 31

New Year's Eve

MBC Office open: 8 am – 4 pm No Prayer Meeting

# Tuesday, January 1, 2019

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Office Closed MBC Library Closed

#### Wednesday, January 2

No Awana

## Thursday, January 3

Good News Club ~ 4 pm, Parkside Elementary Narcotics Anonymous ~ 7 pm, LL #102 Young Adults Study ~ 8 pm, LL #106

#### Friday-Sunday, January 4-6

Fusion ~ Districts in Green Bay, WI

## Saturday, January 5

No Men's Breakfast Men's Get Together ~ 2 - 5 pm, NC/K

# Prayer Focus – Elder Board Ministry Ministry Leader – Pastor Dan Please PRAY:

- † Grace to shepherd God's people
- † Wisdom for prioritizing issues in the new year
- † Clear sense of God's guidance

Entire Bible	Family Plan
Num. 32-33, Job 18,	Psalm 49:1-20
1 Cor. 6	
Num. 34-36, Job 19,	Psalm 73:1-28
I Cor. 7	
Deut. 1-2, Job 20-21	Psalm 77:1-20
Deut. 3-4, I Cor. 8	Psalm 92 & 93
Deut. 5-7, Job 22	Psalm 103:1-22
Deut. 8-10, Job 23,	
I Cor. 9	

This Week New City Catechism: Part 1, Question 14





No Regrets Men's Conference ~ Men, if you think you may be interested in attending this conference on Saturday, February 2, 2019 please contact either Kyle Ohlrich (719-439-1003) or Dan Keen (608-897-6926) to let them know. They are trying to gauge interest in this event.

#### Take Note - New Address!

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